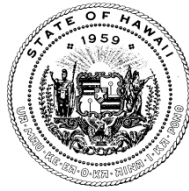


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**HR120, HD1 / HCR128, HD1  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COLLABORATION  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO COORDINATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING TO  
REDUCE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
DEVELOPMENTS.**

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports HR 120, HD1 and HCR 128, HD1 with comments. This resolution requests the HDOT, in collaboration with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), to convene a working group to coordinate capital improvement planning to reduce infrastructure costs for Hawaiian Home Lands developments.

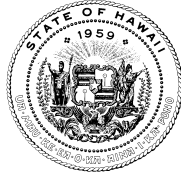
We respectfully note that convening an additional working group is not necessary at this time. HDOT and DHHL are already engaged in ongoing coordination regarding land-use planning and transportation considerations. This existing collaboration allows both agencies to address shared priorities efficiently and effectively. HDOT can work with DHHL if the roadway is eligible for the State Highway System and Federal-aid functional classification.

The HDOT remains committed to supporting efforts that expand housing for Hawai'i residents and will continue to work closely with DHHL to advance these goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 7, 2026

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this resolution requesting the Department of Transportation in collaboration with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, to convene a working group to coordinate capital improvement planning to reduce infrastructure costs for Hawaiian Home Lands Developments.

DHHL appreciates the intent of this resolution and recognizes the potential for strategic coordination with the noted agencies. The establishment of a working group with a co-chair model will allow the working group members to review and compare planned capital improvement projects, assess potential cost savings associated with synchronized project planning, identify shared development areas, and accomplish other tasks of the working group. Certain areas of Hawaiian Home Lands experience frequent damaging floods, especially during hurricane season, but much of this could be prevented and managed through proper roadway, drainage, grading and related infrastructure work. Other homestead areas have roads in need of major repairs. DHHL is also still in the process of transferring Hawaiian Home Land roads and other county responsibilities to the respective counties. The proposed working group will allow the noted stakeholders to identify these projects, resolve or mitigate issues, and form a basis for notifications and communication.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**HCR-128-HD-1**

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Testimony for JHA on 4/7/2026 2:00:00 PM

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